

[CHAPTER 646]

AN ACT

To authorize the employment of nationals of the United States on any public work of the United States in the Territory of Hawaii.

January 2, 1942  
[S. 2086]  
[Public Law 394]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the national emergency declared by the President on May 27, 1941, to exist, and notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, authority is hereby granted for the employment of nationals of the United States upon any public work carried on in the Territory of Hawaii by the Government of the United States, whether the work is done by contract or otherwise: *Provided,* That such employment shall be as common laborers only and only upon public work carried on for the national defense: *Provided further,* That any national of the United States admitted into the Territory of Hawaii pursuant to section 8 (a) (1) of the Act approved March 24, 1934 (48 Stat. 462), for employment as herein authorized shall, upon the termination of such employment, be returned to the Philippine Islands.

Public work in Hawaii.  
Employment of nationals.  
6 F. R. 2617.

*Provisos.*

48 U. S. C. § 1238 (a) (1).

Approved, January 2, 1942.

[CHAPTER 647]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Fixing the dates of meeting of the second session of the Seventy-seventh Congress and of the first session of the Seventy-eighth Congress.

January 2, 1942  
[S. J. Res. 123]  
[Public Law 395]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second session of the Seventy-seventh Congress shall begin at noon on Monday, January 5, 1942, and the first session of the Seventy-eighth Congress shall begin at noon Monday, January 4, 1943.

Congress.  
Sessions, 1942 and 1943.

Approved, January 2, 1942.

[CHAPTER 648]

AN ACT

Authorizing the conveyance of certain lands to the town of Kemmerer, Wyoming.

January 5, 1942  
[H. R. 4932]  
[Public Law 396]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the town of Kemmerer, Wyoming, for water-reservoir purposes, the following-described lands, subject to the right of the United States, its successors or assigns, to use such lands without compensation, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of dams, dikes, reservoirs, canals, waste-ways, laterals, ditches, or other works whatsoever, including without limitation by reason of this enumeration, conduits, telephone, telegraph, and electric transmission lines and substations and power structures and roadways: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 5, the southeast quarter northwest quarter, the east half northeast quarter southwest quarter, and the southwest quarter southeast quarter section 26, in township 23 north, range 117 west, sixth principal meridian, Wyoming, aggregating one hundred and twenty-six and sixty-six one-hundredths acres, more or less; and for water pipe-line purpose, the following-described tract of land situated in lot 14 and southeast quarter northwest quarter section 1, township 21 north, range 116 west, sixth principal meridian: Beginning at a point on the north boundary line of tract 74, thence corner numbered 1 bears east nine hundred and six and five-tenths feet; thence north two degrees fifty-nine minutes west two thousand two hundred

Kemmerer, Wyo.  
Conveyance of lands.

*Description.*

and fourteen and nine-tenths feet; thence north thirty-one degrees and twenty-one minutes west three hundred and twenty-nine and three-tenths feet; thence east thirty-eight and seven-tenths feet; thence south thirty degrees twenty-one minutes east three hundred and twelve and two-tenths feet; thence south two degrees fifty-nine minutes east two thousand two hundred and twenty-four and nine-tenths feet; thence west thirty-four and one-tenth feet to point of beginning, containing one and ninety-two one-hundredths acres, more or less, upon condition that the town shall make payment for the lands at its appraised price therefor by the Secretary of the Interior, but at no less than \$1.25 per acre, within six months from the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, gas, coal, or other mineral deposits in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under the applicable mineral land laws: *Provided further*, That the grant herein is made subject to any and all valid existing rights or claims, and that the lands hereby granted shall be used by the town of Kemmerer, Wyoming, only for water reservoir and water-pipe-line purposes, and if said lands or any part thereof shall be abandoned for such use, said lands or such parts shall revert to the United States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to declare a forfeiture of the grant if at any time he shall determine that the town has for more than one year abandoned the lands for the use herein indicated, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive, and thereupon and thereby the lands shall be restored to the public domain and free from the operation of this Act.

Approved, January 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 649]

AN ACT

To give additional powers to the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia established by the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to establish a Board of Public Welfare in and for the District of Columbia, to determine its functions, and for other purposes", approved March 16, 1926, shall, in addition to the other duties and responsibilities imposed upon it by law, have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) To investigate the circumstances affecting children handicapped by dependency, neglect, or mental defect, or who may be in danger of becoming delinquent, and to provide such services for the protection and care of such children as will assist in conserving satisfactory home life;

(2) To safeguard the welfare of children born out of wedlock, by providing services for their mothers and in caring for and in obtaining support for such children;

(3) To assume responsibility for the care and support of dependent or neglected children under the age of eighteen years needing public care away from their own homes, when such need has been determined by careful investigation and is requested by the parent or parents or any person or agency responsible for the care of such children;

(4) To make suitable provision for the reception and care of children in need of detention pending court action, or who are temporarily detained under court order, or who are temporarily homeless;

Payment.

*Proviso.*  
Mineral rights reserved.

Further conditions.

January 12, 1942  
[H. R. 4365]  
[Public Law 397]

Board of Public  
Welfare, D. C.  
Additional duties,  
etc.

44 Stat. 208.  
D. C. Code §§ 3-101  
to 3-123.

Child welfare.

Children born out  
of wedlock.

Dependent or neg-  
lected children.

Reception and care.